GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:137
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Compensation for Crop Loss
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of farmers who have lost their crops due to floods and untimely rains in the Rabi season of 2012-13 have been denied payment of crop insurance amount/compensation by United India Insurance Company Ltd. and other insurance companies even after the lapse of three and a half years on one pretext or the other and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints in this regard and also sought early payment of insurance amount, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the insurance companies have requested the Union Government to intervene in the matter; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD MAY, 2016.

(a): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Modified NAIS (MNAIS) and Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme were implemented during Rabi 2012-13 season through Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) and 10 empanelled Private General Insurance Companies. Details of the business including claims reported under aforesaid Crop Insurance Schemes is at Annexure-I.

United India Insurance Company Ltd. (UIIC) had not been empanelled to directly undertake Crop Insurance business. However, UIIC alongwith other Public Sector General Insurance Companies is the channel partner of AIC. The details of the pending claims of AIC for Rabi 2012-13 and reasons for their pendency are at Annexure-II.

(b) to (d): Representations about non-payment and delayed payment of claims; under payment of claims on account of incorrect/delayed submission of insurance proposals by banks; delay in providing State Government share of funds etc., have been received. The Government of India has taken various steps including meetings with the State Government, concerned insurance companies and representatives of farmers etc. to expedite the settlement of admissible claims to the farmers by the insurance company at the earliest.